

# GREENBELT News Review

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## News Review Accidentally Writes off the Write-ins

by Kathleen Gallagher

It was November 2. You went to your polling place. You stood in line. You read all the instructions for how to cast a write-in vote, laboriously typed the name in, maybe even spelled it right. But when you picked up the November 4 issue of this newspaper, you saw on the front page a table reporting zero votes for write-in candidates and 100 percent of the vote having gone to that rascal you didn't vote for. You wonder: was my vote counted?

In fact, there were 295 write-in votes cast at the polls in Greenbelt in the General Election. Although the county board of elections reports the total numbers of write-in votes cast after the polls close, it does not provide a breakdown of votes by candidate. Instead of showing no votes cast for write-in candidates, the News Review should have either provided the totals of write-in votes cast (which was not available election night) or, better, indicated that the results for individual write-in candidates were not available.

As to whether one's vote counts, although all votes are

counted in the total, not all write-in votes are created equal. Running as an official write-in candidate means filing a certificate of candidacy no later than the Wednesday before the election and complying with all requirements for eligibility – financial disclosure, campaign finance reporting and establishment of a campaign committee. Because there is plenty of time to file to run as a write-in candidate after the primary election, sometimes write-in candidates are ones who were not successful in their party's primary election.

The names of candidates who filed early enough as write-ins are made available on the county's listing of all candidates who have filed (available on their website), as well as at the polling place. This list is also sent to every registered voter as part of the official specimen ballot – the newsprint booklet of about 30 pages that includes the ballot and other voting information. For last week's election, the

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## GHI Partners with NAHB On Energy Pilot Program

by Tokey Boswell

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), a cooperative housing association in Greenbelt, has been selected to receive technical assistance from the Department of Energy's Building America Program through partnership with the NAHB Research Center. The goal of this joint effort is to develop replicable, cost-effective retrofit solutions for the GHI community that dramatically reduce the average energy use while improving homeowner comfort and increasing the homes' values. By partnering with the NAHB Research Center, a subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), GHI will be able to develop a viable, affordable and energy efficient "community upgrade" plan for its 1,600 existing homes.

2015 will be a big year for GHI. The co-operative will need to begin replacing all of the windows, doors and baseboard heaters in members' homes. All of these components, plus the vinyl siding, will be at the end of their useful life. At the same time, the co-operative needs to think about the future viability of these homes, which are 60 to 70 years old. Under consideration will be whether to add insulation, put in different heating systems or add air conditioning as a standard feature. This partnership oppor-

tunity is going to help GHI figure out what makes sense and will be affordable for its members."

The Pilot Project will begin in November 2010 and includes 28 GHI homes. Building America funding will allow GHI and the Research Center to measure how the homes are currently performing, recommend and implement improvements and then test to make sure that those improvements perform as planned. "We need data about the cost of the improvements and the energy savings that result, so that the membership can decide whether to approve a multi-million dollar project" said Sylvia Lewis, treasurer of GHI. "It makes sense to test the recommendations on a small number of homes to determine the optimal solutions for the broader community."

GHI plans to study the improvements from the Pilot Program over the next three years, according to Jim Cohen, chair of GHI's Buildings Committee which is leading the project. "We have three kinds of homes in GHI – brick homes, frame homes with vinyl siding and very unique cinder block homes. Each of them needs different improvements in order to perform better, so we're testing multiple rows of each kind of home."

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### Beltway Plaza Plan Hearing on Nov. 18

On Thursday, November 18 at 1 p.m. the Prince George's County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the conceptual site plan for the proposed expansion of Beltway Plaza Mall by constructing 700 multi-family apartment residential units and 22,000 square feet of limited commercial space on the rear (Franklin Park) side of the existing mall. Such a change would entail rezoning a portion of the property from the CSC (Commercial Shopping Center) zone to the MUI (Mixed Use Infill) zone.

The planning staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will recommend approval with conditions according to Staff Master Planner Henry Zhang.

At its October 11 meeting the Greenbelt City Council recommended denial of the application.

The hearing will be held in the County Council Hearing Chambers on the first floor of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

### Veterans Day Service on Thurs.



American Legion Post 136 will hold a memorial service for veterans on Thursday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the memorial at Roosevelt Center. All are welcome. After the service refreshments will be served at the Legion Post Home on Greenbelt Road.

### What Goes On

**Thursday, November 11**  
City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day  
**Saturday, November 13 9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Municipal Building, Parking Lot  
**Thursday, November 18 7:30 p.m.**, GHI and GDC Board Meetings, GHI Board Room  
**Friday, November 19 12:30 to 6 p.m.**, City Blood Drive, Community Center

## American Education Week November 14 to 20, 2010

In a celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Elementary School. In coming weeks we will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt High, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Greenbelt Middle Schools and Turning Point Academy.

## Schools Everywhere Celebrate

by Mary Moien

Next week, November 14 through 20, is American Education Week. Schools in Greenbelt and throughout the country use this week to remind people of the importance of public education – "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." The National Education Association's (NEA) 89th annual celebration spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college

and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

Greenbelt is the home of two U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools – Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. In addition, to emphasize the importance of the education of its children, the City of Greenbelt established the Advisory Committee on Education. The

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## Class – Different and Special

by Jim Link

It's easy to see why Kimberly Seidel, her principal at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), recommended Stephanie Barber to be profiled during American Education Week November 14 through 20.

The fifth-year kindergarten teacher is only in her second year at GES and already Seidel says that "Stephanie is really great. She's a team player, is always willing to assist. "She accepts responsibilities and has become a leader in the building."

Smiling radiantly, Barber slips



Stephanie Barber

into one of the Lilliputian chairs normally used by her diminutive charges, blessedly leaving the only "adult" chair in the room for the Brobdingnagian interviewer. "I've learned to sit in these tiny things," says Barber, as if it's a necessary professional skill.

Barber's classroom is colorfully decorated with student work on the Word Wall, daily poems and simple sentences in big block letters. "They know that they

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## Case Is One Happy Camper

by Jim Link

"I think I have the dream setup," said Dara Case of her job at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES). She has been teaching vocal music there for the past six and a half years of her 10-year career. Her pre-K through 6th grade students, aged 4 to 12, are hungry for experience, soak up knowledge like sponges and "have fantastic retention," Case says.

Their exciting daily interactions include chorus (beginning, intermediate and advanced); drumming; research on comput-



Dara Case

ers (music theory, composition); learning synonyms, antonyms, homophones (bear, bare); describing in pictures and words the sounds emanating from, for example, the cafeteria, playground or their living rooms ("Vroom!" "Yelling!" "Ouch!") and much else.

Case stands most of the day, though she is five and a half months pregnant; a baby girl will soon join two older brothers, 9 and 7. "I need to sit more," she

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# Letters

## Questions Election Reporting Figures

I have a question on the General Election Unofficial Results as presented in the November 4 edition. I know I voted for a write-in candidate but the winner is listed as having 100% of the vote. I understand that no one wants to read the number of votes received for all the different write-in candidates. The 100% figure does make me wonder if my vote was counted.

I'd like to see just a total for "Write-ins" for each office, if that is available.

I also noticed something posted at the precinct that I had never seen nor heard of before. There was a 1-sheet list of Write-In Candidates. My assumption was that some scamp had sneaked it into the voting area and posted it when the judges weren't looking. I asked one of the election judges about this and she said that it is an official list issued by the County Board of Elections. It lists the names of candidates who have somehow indicated to the county that they wish to be listed as write-in candidates for specific offices. Is this in fact the case? Would it be possible for you to publish this list in the News Review in the week before the election?

Robert Hindsley

## Holiday Food Drives

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway, is holding a non-perishable food drive through November 19. People who donate food on Friday, November 19 will receive \$1.00 off admission for that day.

The Scouts Food Drive is this Saturday: see story on page 3.

A non-perishable food drive is being held at Greenbriar and Glen Oaks, through November 24. Bring unopened non-perishable food to the Greenbriar Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program is holding a Cash, Cans and Cards Drive at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 55 Crescent Road. The deadline for donations is Tuesday, November 16.

# Downs, Bourne and Son Are Current Café Artists

Three new exhibits are on display at the New Deal Café. "Fire Inside Alive," Paul Downs' newest stick art, along with paintings by Carolyn Bourne and 3-D sculptures by her son Mason will be displayed through January 3. The artists' reception for all three will be held midway through the show on Sunday, December 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Downs

Downs has created a style of art using sticks from the forest that is one-of-a-kind. Instead of using charcoal or paint he renders his designs of animals, nature scenes and Native Americans using the forest as the medium for his artistic creations. "My palette is the white oak, the wild black cherry, tulip poplar, sassafras, red twig dogwood and maple sticks," Downs said.

For 25 years he has honed his skill down a trail no one else has ventured. His artistic expressions range from the power of wing-stretched soaring owls to a delicate praying mantis to a portrait of the great chief Red Cloud to three-dimensional Mudwalkers. He brings the viewer into a world of color and design and seemingly gravity-defying wall-hung sculptures that will delight and amaze – while at the same time bringing the peacefulness one would gain from a walk in the woods.

Downs, a native of Greenbelt, grew up exploring, playing and falling in love with the woods – the Great North Woods, as he called them – of Greenbelt. When this belt of green came under the threat of development in the late 1980s, Downs became a leader in the successful crusade to save these woods – now named the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

### Bourne and Son

Carolyn Bourne of Lanham is a painter who says, "I love

to escape into a canvas with a brush and lots of paint. It takes me to a place of peace and happiness. For this show I chose the theme of love. I chose red roses because my husband brings them to me from in front of his warehouse. They have thorns and are not from a florist but they are perfect!

"The butterflies are symbolic for freedom and to remember to listen to your inner voice. Butterflies make me happy. The ones used in my paintings were a gift to me from my girlfriend, who got them in Ocracoke, N.C., at the beach.

The mother and child painting is symbolic of my love for my son, for he is the greatest gift on Earth. My little boy's 3-D masterpieces are in this show, too. It's so special to me to get to share this with him."

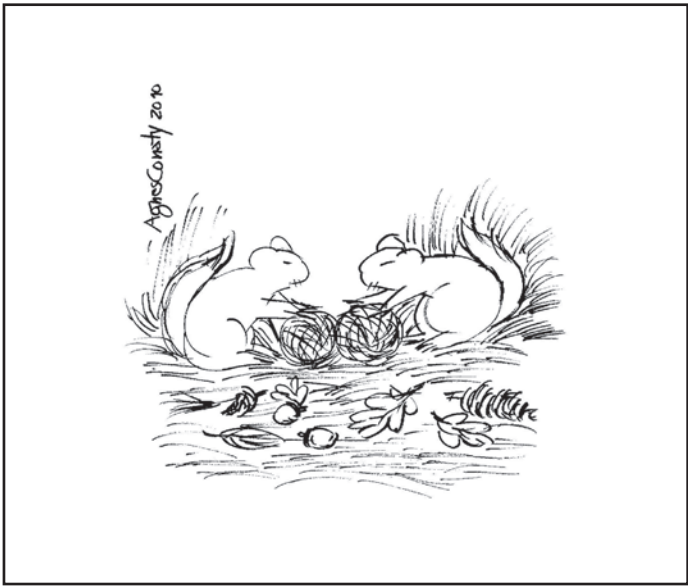
Bourne began painting when her father taught her to watercolor when she was three. Her mother, a painter also, did crafts with her. Bourne has taught art for 10 years for the Fairfax County Department of Parks and Recreation as well as for younger elementary grades in Virginia and at the YMCA in Silver Spring and Prince George's County.

Of his art, sculptor Mason, who turns four on New Year's Eve and is both the youngest and the first three-dimensional artist displayed at the Café, says, "I started drawing when I was seven months old with a blue crayon that my Grandpa gave me and I haven't stopped! I go to art class in Greenbelt and have an amazing art center at home. My Grandpa gets me lots of art stuff.

"I love to make masterpieces and give them to people to make them happy. I like to make masterpieces because I love it."

The exhibits are sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts.

## Grin Belt



"If you roll it long enough, you'll have a door stopper for the principal's office."

## ASG Meeting to Be Held Next Thursday

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will be held on Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, in Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School).

The meeting will feature a presentation by Bob Dutilly on Near Earth Objects. Since retiring from Goddard Space Flight Center, Dutilly has become a popular speaker at a variety of events. There is no admission fee and all are welcome.

The meeting will be in Temporary Classroom 1, behind the main building. Reach it by walking around outside or going through the main building and exiting on the left before the planetarium.

## Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold a public star party on Saturday, November 13 at the Greenbelt City Observatory. Telescope set-up begins at dusk and observing will begin at about 6 p.m. In addition to the first quarter Moon, observers may view several nice star clusters, the Andromeda galaxy and the planet Jupiter with its four Galilean satellites.

In addition to the 14" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope in the observatory, ASG members will have their personal telescopes set up. New telescope owners are invited to set up and ask questions.

This event is open to the public; no admission is charged. Plan to park in the lot at the bottom of Observatory Hill unless disabled or bringing a telescope.

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.






Thank you Dems for Reelecting Gov. O'Malley & Lt. Gov. Brown. Eleanor & Franklin would be proud of Greenbelt.

Next Meeting of Roosevelt Dem Club

Friday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Speaker Jason Waskey will talk about surviving Republican House & Governors. All are welcome; light refreshments.





### NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

### Thursday, November 18, 2010

#### GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

**GDC Key Agenda Items:**

- September Financial Statements
- 2011 Proposed Operating Budget

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Existing, Unpermitted, Oversized Vinyl Shed, 16S Ridge Road
- Buildings Committee Recommendation on Solar PV Systems
- Committee Restructuring Work Session – Follow Up
- 2011 Proposed Operating Budget, 2nd Reading
- Auditor Selection
- Contract for 2011-13 Tree Maintenance Services – 1st Reading
- Contract for 2011-13 Pest Control Services – 1st Reading
- Contract for Repair to Detached Garage Roofs at 35/37 Ridge Road – 2nd Reading
- Purchase of a Used Backhoe for Maintenance Department – 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF NOV 12

# Morning Glory

(PG-13)

Friday

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.50

## Tuesday is Bargain Day.

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 15 to 19:

Monday – Vegetable soup, barbecued beef on a bun, broccoli cuts, roasted red potatoes, baked apples.

Tuesday – Orange-pineapple juice, Cuban chicken, yellow rice, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Cranapple juice, beef stew, seasoned cabbage, wild rice, tapioca pudding.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, turkey breast with gravy, cornbread stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans with almonds, pumpkin pie.

Friday – Orange juice, roast beef with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, Brussels sprouts, diced pears.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, November 11 – Offices Closed for Veterans’ Day Holiday (Emergency maintenance is available by calling 301-474-6011.)

Friday, November 12 – Offices Closed (emergency maintenance, 301-474-6011)

Monday, November 15, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## GAFC Replacements To Close Facility Soon

Starting at the end of the month the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) will close temporarily for needed replacement of mechanical equipment. The city advises that the fitness wing will close November 29 and expects to re-open December 11. The indoor pool will close November 29, with re-opening planned for December 18. As with all such jobs, the work may extend the time the facility must be closed.

GAFC will extend all current memberships by one month to compensate for the time the facility is closed.

## Free Coffee Demo At Co-op Saturday

On Saturday, November 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the Co-op will hold an Equal Exchange coffee tasting.



Equal Exchange is also a co-op, which supports cooperatives of small farms that use sustainable agriculture. All are invited.

## Co-op Food Demo To Be Held Wed.

Wednesday, November 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. is the next in the Co-op’s monthly “Seasonal & Savory” food demonstrations, with jicama as this month’s featured item.

Also known as the Mexican potato, jicama resembles a root vegetable with thin brown skin, white crunchy flesh and apple-like texture and flavor. This versatile member of the bean family is a good source of fiber, potassium, iron, calcium and vitamins C and E.

### Patron Appreciation

Due to Thanksgiving, Patron Appreciation Day has been moved from the final Wednesday to November 17. All purchases except gift cards and stamps earn the shopper a five percent savings all day.

## Scouting for Food Is This Saturday

Again this year the Boy Scouts will be “Scouting for Food” in Greenbelt and have distributed plastic bags soliciting non-perishable packaged food in non-glass containers. Donors are asked to put canned or plastic containers of food outside their front doors by 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 13.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will pick up the bags to deliver to an area food bank. The annual “Good Turn” campaign is a joint program of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Capital Area Food Bank, WUSA Channel 9 and Safeway. The Scouts ask that if the food donations are missed, people take them to a nearby food pantry or place of worship.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

It’s that time again – election of officers for the next year for the Golden Age Club. The nominating committee is at work and the board will be elected at the first meeting in December. It’s been rumored the present board will return next year if you ask them nicely. Nominations from the floor are open, too.

The November Birthday Lunch will be on Wednesday, November 17 and the trip downtown on the Metro to see the Norman Rockwell exhibit will be on November 18.

The Club welcomes a new member, Randi Anderson, with a big smile.

Remember, it takes more muscles to frown than to smile.

## Blood Drive Here Is Next Friday

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held on Friday, November 19 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

An urgent need for blood makes it important to have a large turnout. To make an appointment call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.



## Portraits Available For the Holidays

Portraits will be available again this year through a fundraiser by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The funds will be used for the sole purpose of updating emergency equipment so that the community can be better served.

The fundraiser will run from November 10 through January 10. (See ad on page 6.)

## Curt Lucas Sings At Café Nov. 17

On Wednesday, November 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café Curt Lucas will offer an evening of Gospel-influenced folk and rock music and songs by artists including Bob Dylan, the Band and Creedence Clearwater Revival. Lucas’ group features Daniel and Tom Rodgerson on guitars, Andrew Widman on bass and Paul Withers on drums.

Visit [www.curtlucas.com](http://www.curtlucas.com) or [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) for details.

## “Rivers & Tides” Is Reel & Meal Film

The next film in the free monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal series will be a showing on Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m. of the documentary “Rivers and Tides.” As always, a buffet is available for purchase before the film, this month featuring recipes with just-harvested herbs from the 3-Sisters Demonstration Garden.

“Rivers & Tides” is a Scottish-German documentary about artist Andy Goldsworthy, a Scotsman whose long-winding rock walls, icicle assemblages and other intricate, druidic masterpieces are made entirely of materials found in the wild. Shot and edited by director Thomas Riedelsheimer, it is a study of the fragile relationship between man, art and nature. Goldsworthy is seen hard at work making ephemeral sculptures out of bits of ice in the trees or building tall, mysterious cones from loose rock.

Greenbelt Earth Artist Paul Downs will discuss the film and his own artistic process of creation from Nature’s material forms and invite community discussion. Downs’ art is now featured in the New Deal Café and on display in many homes and businesses throughout the area.

The Reel & Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series that explores environmental and social justice issues. For information email Bob Cahalan at [bob@cheers.org](mailto:bob@cheers.org).

More Community Events  
see pages 2, 4, 5 and 12.

## City Notes

Staff reports that 32 commercial false alarm invoices were issued.

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds staff planted six elm trees at Buddy Attick Park and began work on the replacement of an existing bus stop at Green Ridge House where exposure to the elements has taken a toll on the structure.

Refuse and Recycling collected 29.26 tons of refuse and 14.62 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

### St. Hugh’s Christmas Bazaar

**Sat., Nov. 13**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.;

**Sun., Nov. 14**  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Vendors, Crafts,  
Silent Auction, Food

### Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required  
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### Week of NOV. 12

**FRI. – SAT.**  
Red, R  
11:15, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10:20  
For Colored Girls R (!)  
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Megamind 3D, PG (!) – (No Fees)  
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Unstoppable, PG-13 (!)  
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**MON. – THU.**  
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Greenbelt Arts Center

### Opening this Week!

## Chapter Two

by Neil Simon, directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

**Fridays and Saturdays, Nov 12 - Dec 4 at 8:00 PM**  
**Sundays, November 21 & 28 at 2:30 PM**

The November 13th performance will be sign-interpreted for the hearing impaired. (Call for seating).  
**\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors**

**BONUS DEAL: DINNER AND A SHOW! –EAT AT BEIJING RESTAURANT ON SATURDAY, 11/13 AND GET A \$2 COUPON OFF ON THE GAC TICKET PRICE.**

Upcoming:  
Play Readings: November 15 at 7:00pm in GAC – all invited to participate  
Annual Meeting: November 20 at 2:00pm in the Greenbelt Community Center

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770  
<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>  
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

**Call 301.441.8770 for more information**



# Obituaries

## Carol C. Patterson

Longtime former Greenbelter Carol Christine Patterson, 92, of Wayne, Pa., and formerly of Bluffton, Ohio died on November 1, 2010, at the Neighborhood Hospice Inpatient Unit, West Chester, Pa. Carol Cookson was born April 16, 1918 in Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio to Clarence and Mabel Anderson Cookson. She grew up in Bluffton. In 1941 she married Charles Patterson. She and her husband were both graduates of Bluffton College. She was a school teacher before raising a family and later in life was an administrative assistant at Washington Hospital Center.

When her husband was transferred to this area, they came to Greenbelt in 1964 and lived for over twenty years at Pinecrest Court. They were members of Berwyn Presbyterian Church. She did volunteer work at the church and with the American Lung Association.

Her husband preceded her in death in November 1989. She is survived by her two sons, Ted Patterson and his wife Anne of Wayne, Pa. and John Patterson and his wife Jeanne Davenport Patterson of Tucson, Ariz.; a daughter, Carol Ann Macgregor and her husband John of Tucson; two grandchildren, Jesse Patterson of Wayne, Pa., and Emily Patterson of Tucson; and a brother, Richard Cookson and his wife Betty of Bluffton.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 6 at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Allan Patterson officiating. Burial was in Hasson Cemetery, Van Buren-Orange Township.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, ATTN: Tribute Gifts, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780, <http://www.michaeljfox.org/>.

## Charles Hatcher

Charles (Chuck) Hatcher, 73, of Periwinkle Court, died on November 5, 2010 from congestive heart failure. He had suffered from a variety of coronary ailments for many years.

He was born near Washington, N.J., and moved with his family to California when he was a teenager. After graduating from North Hollywood High School, he served in the U.S. Navy for nearly nine years in such places as the islands of Adak (Alaska) and Saipan, as well as aboard

ship. His last assignment was with the Naval Attache's office in Rabat, Morocco, where he met his future wife Mary J., an Embassy secretary. They were married in 1963 in Baltimore (her hometown). In 1968 they discovered Greenbelt.

He graduated from University College at the University of Maryland and over the years worked in various administrative positions at ComSat, FNMA, the Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic University.

Mr. Hatcher was a very active member of St. Hugh's parish and took great pride in being a charter member and treasurer of their Knights of Columbus Council #10885. For several years he decorated his boat to replicate the "Santa Maria" to accompany the Knights as they marched in the

Labor Day parade and in 2000 was awarded the first prize trophy for his efforts.

An avid fisherman, he initiated, with his brother Knights, the annual Spring Fishing Tournament for local children at Greenbelt Lake. He regarded them all as potential future fishing buddies and was overjoyed when they caught something.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Chuck of Wheaton and Patrick of Lexington, Va. and by three younger brothers and their families.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 9, with burial at All Souls Cemetery in Germantown, not far from one of his favorite fishing spots.



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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
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For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
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Municipal Building



## Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Senior Lunch

A senior lunch will be held for Greenbriar Glen Oaks residents on Thursday, November 18 at noon. The first 30 attendees will be admitted free. There is a nominal fee for others.

## Café Cajun Jam On Wednesday

On Wednesday, November 24 there will be a free Cajun Jam at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners welcome. For details call 301-434-5642 or email [swopes123@aol.com](mailto:swopes123@aol.com).

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
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Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

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**November 14, 10 a.m.**  
Annual Public Education Program with Dianne Piché and Tish Hall, worship associate  
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**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
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[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor  
Worship Service 10:00am

**Parents' Afternoon Out, Sat. Nov. 27**  
Shop without the kids. Children 4 years old and up.  
Movie and crafts. Children can bring their own snack and drink.  
1 to 5 p.m. Free.

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
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Services

- Sundays  
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- Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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**Welcome!**

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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Condolences to the family and friends of Chuck Hatcher of Boxwood. He died November 5, 2010, at the age of 73. Chuck could often be seen fishing at Greenbelt Lake.

We were saddened to hear of the death of former longtime Greenbelter Carol Patterson, 92, who died on November 1, 2010, in West Chester, Pa.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:newsreview@greenbeltmd.gov) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

TRU-G Meeting, Tour Wednesday

On Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. there will be a special Transit Riders United-Greenbelt (TRU-G) tour and meeting with Maryland Delegate Justin Ross. In the Maryland General Assembly, Ross oversees the State Highway Administration (SHA) and formerly chaired the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Caucus.

As part of TRU-G's commitment to making walking and riding safe in Greenbelt, this meeting will be of special interest to anyone who has feared for their life crossing Greenbelt Road or cursed the lack of bus stops on Cherrywood Lane. TRU-G is making an effort to reach various agencies administering streets and roads including the SHA, which controls Greenbelt Road.

At 7 p.m. the tour group will meet outside the entrance of the New Deal Café at Roosevelt Center and take a driving tour of Greenbelt Road (starting at ICESat Road near NASA's South Gate) and Cherrywood Lane. During the tour members can tell Ross about their experiences and brainstorm solutions for danger spots. After the tour at 8 p.m. a meeting will follow with Ross at the New Deal Café to share comments and learn from his experience with the SHA. There will also be a discussion of TRU-G members' publicity efforts on the upcoming December bus route changes. People are welcome to attend the 8 p.m. meeting without participating in the tour.

Those wishing to join the tour are asked to RSVP by emailing [john.stith@gmail.com](mailto:john.stith@gmail.com) or calling John Stith at 301-502-3634.

Dems Club Meets Friday, Nov. 19

The monthly meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbriar, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

Speaker Jason Waskey, President Obama's campaign director for Maryland, will talk about how to survive the Republican House of Representatives and Republican governors who will be re-drawing political voting districts according to the 2010 Census. Waskey will also talk about what Democrats can do to prepare for the 2012 election.

The club will also present the slate of officers for 2011. Nominations from the floor are encouraged.

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.



City Information

NOVEMBER IS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH!

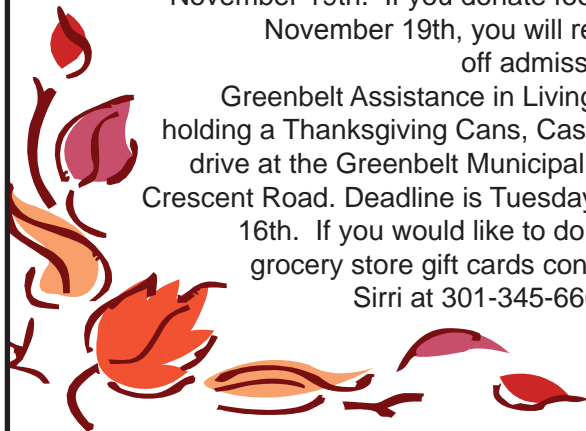
Students in grades K-6th can win a \$10 gift card to Target just by playing GREENBELT WORKS! Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and follow the link to the game.

At the end of the game, print out the form and fill it out. You can either bring it in or mail it to the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 to get your prize. Make sure that you write GREENBELT WORKS on the envelope. You must either live or go to school in Greenbelt. One prize per student. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Palau at 240-542-2026

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVES

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway is holding a non-perishable food drive through November 19th. If you donate food on Friday, November 19th, you will receive \$1.00 off admission that day.

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program is holding a Thanksgiving Cans, Cash and Cards drive at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Deadline is Tuesday, November 16th. If you would like to donate cash or grocery store gift cards contact Nadege Sirri at 301-345-6660 ext. 3002



VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Park & Recreation Advisory Board

For information call 301-474-8000.

WANTED: INVOLVED AND CREATIVE VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE

Applications are being accepted for a task force of Greenbelt citizens to consider future uses of the existing historic school building. This building could become a great asset to our community!

For information call 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and Community Center

Info: Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.



FALL IS HERE!

Help keep our green areas healthy and free of invasive plants. Remember to dispose of leaves properly- Do not put gathered leaves in woods, parks or playgrounds. Thank you!

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the GHI Woodlands Committee

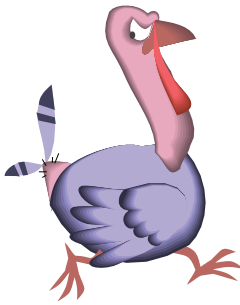
UPCOMING LEAF COLLECTION

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum until January 14, 2011. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

November 15 -19 Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, and Windsor Green

November 22 – 26 Lakewood (November 25-26 Holiday)

November 29–30 Lakeside, Greenspring I & II



GOBBLE WOBBLE Thursday, November 25th

All ages welcome

Spend your Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 2010 Gobble Wobble. This is a 5K race (2 laps) and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk (1 lap) around Buddy Attick Park lake path, which is an ideal way to get some exercise in before your Thanksgiving feast. All registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt. Awards will be given to top finishers. All youth participants receive a medal.

Race-day registration begins at 8:00am, Race begins at 9:00am

Starting Line located in front of Youth Center; Race will be around Buddy Attick Park Lake Path

Fee: Pre-registration - \$15/racer (\$5 for each additional family member)

Race-day registration - \$20/racer (\$5 for each additional family member)

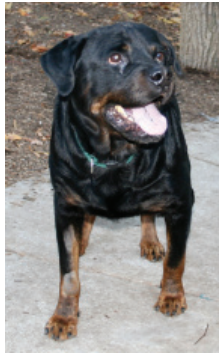
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INVITATION TO BID Greenhill Road Stream Stabilization Project Bid No. 2010-3

The City of Greenbelt will accept bids from General Contractors for the Greenhill Road Stream Stabilization Project until 2:30 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read at the Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development located at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. The project includes the installation of a drop structure, grading stream banks, the installation of a coastal plain outfall, a series of stop pools, two bed sills, removal of a failing culvert at an existing pedestrian bridge path crossing, extensive tree planting and construction of a pedestrian bridge. The project is being partially funded through the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust and Non Point Source Fund, and is subject to certain State procurement standards.

Bid packages may be obtained electronically at [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning\\_code](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code), starting Tuesday, November 9, 2010. A pre-bid meeting will be held on-site (meet in the parking lot of 145 Crescent Road) on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is recommended, but not mandatory. Anyone needing additional information may contact Terri Hruby at the Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at [thruby@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:thruby@greenbeltmd.gov).

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# Council Revisits Snow Emergency Procedures

by Carol Griffith

Gratitude for the hard work of the Greenbelt Public Works staff during last winter’s record-setting snowfalls was the underlying message of the Greenbelt City Council worksession that reviewed the 2009-10 weather emergencies.

The session was held on October 15 in the Community Center. All councilmembers and six residents attended. Director Kenneth Hall and Lesley Riddle, assistant director of Parks and Grounds, represented the Public Works Department.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin opened the meeting by summarizing the city’s response to the extreme weather events of 2009-10, citing the city’s reputation in comparison to other jurisdictions for clearing snow quickly.

McLaughlin identified two areas for improvement: prompt clearing of sidewalks and bus stops and more timely communications.

Hall commended his staff as “highly dedicated” and possessing a sense of pride. He had received several compliments on public works’ efforts following the winter storms, he said.

Hall then detailed plans public works had undertaken when large snows were forecast. Among these were double-checking of all equipment, purchasing cots for staff breaks and arranging for contractor assistance with snow removal and for equipment rental and repairs.

Hall said the department has purchased two additional snowblowers. He cautioned, however, that the department’s response had been affected by the volume of snow and a large number of downed trees. Riddle estimated that 300 trees were lost in the winter storms.

Councilmember Edward Putens said he had received complaints that certain areas of the city were neglected in snow removal. Davis agreed she had also been informed that some streets, especially parts of Mandan Road and certain cul-de-sacs, had not been cleared promptly. Hall noted that areas of tree cover causing shade had interfered with the natural melting of snow and ice.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked what council could do to assist public works during any future storms. After some discussion, McLaughlin agreed to place an item in the next city newsletter with the reminder that those with a medical need for electricity must inform Pepco and that they must also have a backup plan should power not be promptly restored.

Davis and other councilmembers agreed that the public expects sidewalks will be cleared as soon as the streets have been made passable.

**No Staff Increase**

Hall responded that although there are several times more sidewalks now, the number of his staff has not increased. He said he would meet with Greenbelt Homes to delineate responsibility for sidewalk clearance.

Hall noted that his staff will not clear walks that may later be plowed over, that snow frequently blows over plowed walks and that walks are cleared according to their priority.

When asked about how priori-

ties are set, Riddle explained that the sidewalks around and leading to public buildings – the police station, public works and Roosevelt Center – are the first priority. Further priorities are areas to which residents require access, such as the inner walkway system and the Metro stops and station.

It was generally agreed that owner responsibility was needed and encouraged in such emergency situations.

McLaughlin proposed permanently prohibiting parking on both sides of any street less than 30 feet in width. While COG has recommended this practice for times that snow in excess of four inches is expected, McLaughlin said the plan was not feasible, mainly because it requires good communications to residents and could be confusing.

After raising questions about how the plan would be implemented, council agreed that it required further exploration.

Replacing a missing tooth is important for several reasons. When you lose a tooth, your jawbone gradually loses strength and firmness, causing bone loss and changes in facial features. The loss of even one tooth can cause an unstable bite and chewing problems. Because remaining teeth often shift, proper cleaning becomes more difficult leading to periodontal problems and tooth decay. Teeth that have shifted no longer fit together properly, which can create excessive wear, headaches, and many other problems. There are also concerns associated with the appearance of a smile with missing teeth. First impressions are made at a glance and nothing makes a better impression than a beautiful smile. Most adults feel extremely self-conscious about a gap in their smile.

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The bottom line for many dental implant patients is that for the first time since they have had dentures,

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instructions for casting a write-in ballot were on page 6 and the list of official write-in candidates was on page 7.

According to information from the Maryland Board of Elections, only write-in candidates who have filed to run will eventually have their vote totals reported on the last official canvass of the election.

**Names**

The people who filed as write-in candidates for offices appearing on the Greenbelt ballot include: for governor, Ralph Jaffe (D) and Corrogan Vaughn (U); and for U.S. senator, James Lynch (D), Denise Whittington (D), Lih Young (D), Claud Asbury (R) and Donald Kaplan (U).

Greenbelt’s 295 write-in votes were distributed by polling place as follows: Community Center, 123; Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 72; Greenbelt Elementary School, 62; Turning Point Academy, 31; and Springhill Lake Elementary School, 7.

By office, write-in votes citywide were cast as follows: governor, 5; comptroller, 7; attorney general, 29; U.S. senator, 7; U.S.

congressman, 12; state senator, 20; state delegate, 36; county executive, 27; county councilmember, 4; circuit court judge, 32; state’s attorney, 20; clerk of circuit court, 40; register of wills, 15; orphans court judge, 16; sheriff, 18; board of education representative, 7.


But how many of those votes did Frank Zappa get? Unless he filed to run, we’ll never know.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## DWI Arrests

October 30, 1:33 a.m., Cherrywood Lane at Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

October 30, 10:57 p.m., Cherrywood Lane at Cherrywood Court, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

October 31, 12:15 a.m., 7900 block Good Luck Road, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

October 31, 2:40 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Disorderly Conduct

October 27, 10:58 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

October 29, 10:13 p.m., 100 block Westway, a rock was thrown through a glass door.

November 1, 11:17 a.m., Roosevelt Center, Graffiti was found on several park benches and tables.

## Burglaries

October 29, 7:35 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a television, game system and iPod were reported taken.

October 31, 3:01 p.m., 9 Court Hillside Road, a bench was reported taken from a yard.

## Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a green 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis with Md. tags from the 7300 block Morrison Drive and a burgundy 1996 Land Rover with Md. tags from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway. There was an attempted theft of a vehicle at 100 block Ridge Road and an unauthorized use reported at 6500 Capitol Drive.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 100 block Northway (BB gun damage), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (tires flattened), 100 block Northway (BB gun damage), 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (damaged windows on two vehicles), 6000 block Breezewood Drive (damaged tires), Gardenway (passenger window broken and vehicle ransacked) and 6900 block of Hanover Parkway (broken rear window).

Thefts from vehicles were reported at 6000 block Springhill Drive (front Md. tag); Beltway Plaza (clothes, a laptop, an air card, other items); 6700 Village Park Drive (iPod); 7700 block of Hanover Parkway (tag M573583); and 6900 block of Hanover Parkway (navigation system, iPod).

## Man Shot to Death On Cherrywood Lane

On Friday, November 5 at approximately 10:55 p.m. Greenbelt Police officers responded to the 6100 block of Cherrywood Lane for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found a man suffering from gunshot wounds. He was transported by ambulance to the Trauma Center at Prince George's Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead. The man has been identified as Michael Valentine Randall, 24, of Washington, D.C.

The investigation is continuing at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

## Fatal Crash Saturday At B-W Parkway

At 5:54 a.m. on Saturday, November 6 troopers from the Maryland State Police responded to a three-vehicle accident on the Beltway southbound at the juncture with the southbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

A 1995 Jaguar struck a 1996 Chevrolet Impala in the rear. The Jaguar was disabled in the third lane and was struck on the driver's side by a UPS truck unable to stop. The Impala and UPS truck drivers were uninjured but the driver of the Jaguar was trapped. He was extricated by Emergency Medical Services and transported to Prince George's Medical Center in Cheverly at approximately 6:54 a.m., where he was pronounced dead.

The victim was identified as Gilberto Salamanca, 46, of Silver Spring.

## Stranger Approaches Child Paper Carrier

Greenbelt police are investigating a suspicious person report involving an incident Friday, November 5 at approximately 7 p.m. A 13-year-old girl was delivering papers on Lakeside Drive when a suspicious man in a car pulled up near her and asked if she wanted a ride. When the girl did not answer him, the man told her to get in the car. The girl ran away to safety and was not harmed.

The suspect is described as a black male with big cheek bones, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and driving an older model white 4-door car.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.*

# Co-op Customers, Staff Celebrate New Look

by Jim Link

The Greenbelt Co-op celebrated the long-awaited completion of its Grand Renovation at noon on Saturday, November 6. The modest ribbon-cutting ceremony went unnoticed at first by shoppers pushing their carts as usual. But the good vibe spread quickly throughout the brighter, shinier store.

After Mayor Judith Davis and former Co-op Board Chair Dorrie Bates snipped the ribbon and spoke a few congratulatory words, customers scarfed up the free hot dogs, ice cream, fruit juice and eggnog offered at various locations in the new, improved store. Everyone queued up with impeccable propriety, of course.

Leta Mach, city councilmember and former Co-op board member, said that planning for the renovation began as early as 2003. "All of the other stakeholders in Roosevelt Center will be happy about this. They can claim 'It's done!'" she said.

Davis was pleased to say the Co-op is often an intimate gathering place, not a soulless corporate entity. "It's the Co-op's members who make the difference," she said.

Donna Hoffmeister, Co-op board member, explained that the renovation includes getting a new floor, a new ceiling, a new paint job, a big new green and white logo sign and even a new bathroom for customers on the ground floor! It is family and handicapped friendly.

The 30-year-old freezers against the back wall have been replaced with more energy-saving ones, Hoffmeister said. She also recommended the "Best Buy" tagged items: "Our Co-op suppliers lower their profits on these items, at least for the moment," she said.

Dorrie Bates, who retired from the Co-op board after 20 years, eight as chair, said, "I'm very excited to see the culmination of a long process. It involved ups and downs, stops and starts, but Robert [Gordon, current board chair] and other board members have shepherded it [the renovation] through so skillfully."

Many employees responded enthusiastically to the renovation.

Ellen Siegel: "I love the new floor – so light and bright. The new logo is fresh; we are re-inventing ourselves."

Lil Clement: "I think it's wonderful! Everything looks fresh and clean!"

Sandy Markowich: "Whoop Hoo! The store is getting like the big boys [Giant, Safeway] but with a down-home feel."

Amanda Osterfield: "My husband Chris and I have always felt that the Co-op is neighborly, like



Shown at the ribbon cutting are (from left) City Councilmember and former Co-op board member Leta Mach, unidentified representative of Co-op supplier AWI, Amy Hansen, former board member Paul Rall, board member Joe Timer, board chair Robert Gordon, Tom Moran, former board chair Dorrie Bates (cutting the ribbon) and store manager Bob Davis.



PHOTOS BY DONNA HOFFMEISTER

Co-op staffer Vanessa Harris gives a big grin and thumbs up to go along with the hot dogs served to guests at the store's grand re-opening festivities last Saturday.



SUPERMARKET PHARMACY

Even the Co-op logo got a new look. The bright lime green sign can be found inside and outside of the building.

the Boston pub 'Cheers' where everybody knows your name."

Aaron Levine: "If it pleases the customers, that's what's important."

Ashley Mullane: "The dairy and meat freezers have been replaced. It looks good."

And the last word, from Kristi Caulfield: "It's beautiful."

## ENERGY

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GHI as a Building America team partner is a natural fit for the NAEHB Research Center, based in Upper Marlboro. The Greenbelt community provides a number of variables that will allow the Research Center to design and evaluate energy upgrades for multiple construction types all at one location. GHI and its community members will benefit from the partnership by having access to building scientists, monitoring equipment, program design and data analysis from the Research Center, all covered under the Building America funding. And ultimately the existing housing stock in similar climate zones across the country will benefit from the results of this project which DOE will be able to share through Building America.

The Building America Program has a stated goal of improving energy efficiency in existing homes by 30 percent over current performance levels. "For GHI, there's more than just lower costs, though," says Cohen. "It's a matter of improving occupant comfort. Our members can be uncomfortable in the winter when it's too cold and in the summer when the temperature is high. Improving the building envelope through better windows and doors and sealing the leaks in the attics and crawlspaces will result in more livable homes and better value for potential members in the future."

For more details call the GHI offices at 301-474-4161, ext. 128.

Tokey Boswell is the vice president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

## Owens Science Center Potter Quest Friday

On Friday, November 12 at 7 p.m. there will be a Harry Potter theme night at the Howard B. Owens Science Center and Planetarium in Seabrook.

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Sinistra, learning to find "passages" in the skies.

The Howard B. Owens Science Center, a Prince George's Public Schools facility, is at 9601 Greenbelt Road, adjacent to DuVal High School. There is a nominal fee for admission, halved for students and seniors, with no charge for children 3 and under. For more information call 301-918-8750 during school hours or visit the website at <http://www1.pgcps.org/howardbowens/>.



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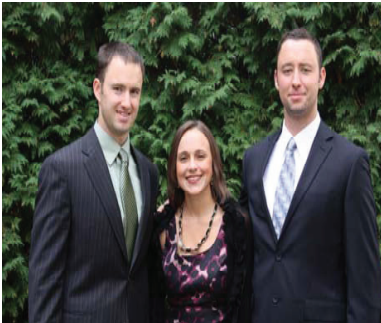
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are valued, that their work is important when it is on display,” she says.

Barber revels in her job because kindergarten kids are so unspoiled and suggestible. “I love kindergarten kids; they like school, they’re curious, they’re happy every day, they’re creative. In kindergarten they learn something every day; you see growth – it just clicks!” Barber says, snapping her fingers “Presto!” style.

Broddingnagian interviewer: “What are some of the things they learn?”

Barber: “Before they leave kindergarten they learn social skills, sharing, how to read, add and subtract.”

Strong Influences

Having some strong formative influences helped Barber “just naturally fall into the role of being a teacher.” First, “my mom, Billie, was a teacher. I always wanted to be a teacher.” In addition, Barber’s sports coaches were teachers. At Northeast High School in Anne Arundel County she played basketball and lacrosse and was on the gymnastics and cheerleading squads. Lisa Frenlich, her cheerleading coach, was a positive role model.

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says. Tired interviewer: “Don’t you get tired?”

Case: “Really, I don’t. I get my energy from my students. I’m a little tired in the morning when I come in but then I feed on them. My hubby calls me a vampire (smiling cheerfully).”

The most joyous or rewarding part of her day comes, she says, when her 6th graders arrive. “They’ve taken ownership; they set up the room; they don’t let me pick up stuff; they take very good care of me, prepare a seat for me and I’m like the big kid in the room.”

Case points to the exotic drums in the corner of her classroom: “They do African drumming every Friday; the drums are authentically African – they’re from Guinea.”

When asked what is the most frustrating aspect of her job, Case says without hesitation, with a straight face: “The day is not long enough for us to do everything we want to do – truthfully.” She added: “They want to do book club; they want to do chorus; they want to do band. They want to do everything! There is always something going on after school for them every day.”

What They Want

Case derives a particular delight in realizing that “they all want something that I can give them. They get to dance in class; they get to beat on things without getting into trouble; they get to talk. That’s why I don’t have a lot of problems with discipline.”

Originally a vocal performance major years ago in Tennessee, Case was assigned to local high schools as a music mentor and “felt very rewarded.” She changed to a triple major (band, chorus and vocal performance) and entered teaching.

Case also writes the weekly school newsletter, which goes out to every family, keeping parents and students aware of upcoming events and projects while playing

On Barber’s wish list for enhancing teachers’ working conditions is more funding for state of the art equipment. “I wish I had unlimited resources – supplies, technology, money to take the kids on field trips all the time.”

On her classroom wall is a poster of a gigantic green centipede named “The Helping Hands Caterpillar.” On each of its legs (hands?) is the name of a student and his/her weekly responsibility or task. One is “teacher’s helper;” another disposes of “trash;” still others are “chair stackers.”

Broddingnagian interviewer: “They do all those chores for you?”

Barber: “Of course.”

Broddingnagian interviewer: “I see the ‘caboose’ up there. What does he do?”

Barber: “Oh, he or she is the last one to leave the room. They get to turn the lights out. They like to do that; they fight over the job.”

As I leave the warmth, color and good vibe of Stephanie Barber’s classroom, I can’t help but see a lovely motto posted on the wall, which proclaims: “Being different makes us special.”

them with pertinent pictures depicting school happenings.

A few years ago Case lobbied successfully to get GES supplied with music textbooks and to raise funds to take her 6th graders to Disneyland. The county had not bought music textbooks in 10 years until Case argued before the Board of Education that, just as it would be unthinkable for math teachers to teach without a math text, it is unthinkable for music teachers to teach textless. And “Voila! The books came. They heard us,” Case said.

Case and Kimberly Seidel, principal of GES, accompanied a lucky band of 6th graders to Disneyland in 2006. Case credits Greenbelt’s Mayor Judith Davis with crucial support. “She attended every one of our fundraisers. Every one! She’s one of the best assets for education in this county.”

Seidel said the trip “was terrific! We had a great time.” She emphasized that Case is “much more than just a music teacher; she’s passionate about the kids, about music and drumming. She’s very dedicated.”

Case ended our interview by inviting me back to GES the next day.

Tired interviewer: “What for?”

Case: “We are hosting a legislative visit tomorrow; a lot of bigwigs will be here – Delegates Justin Ross, Anne Healey and Mayor Davis. Ten schools are hosting legislative visits this year and Judith Hawkins, County Music supervisor, recommended us as one.”

Tired interviewer: “What’s the theme?”

Case: “We want to highlight the important roles the arts play in the lives of our students. And to encourage funding for the arts. It’s going to be great fun. We’ll see you tomorrow?”

Tired interviewer: “No thanks but thank you for generously sharing your time with me.”

Case: “You are very welcome.”

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committee has stated that “Greenbelt is a community committed to the education of our children.”

NEA’s ongoing theme, Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility, reflects the Association’s calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century.

For almost 90 years, American Education Week has been celebrated by the NEA in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education and national organizations including the National PTA and the American Federation of Teachers. The original resolution from 1921 called for “An educational week . . . observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs.”

Over the coming issues, the News Review will highlight interviews with teachers from schools in the city, as well as Magnolia Elementary School, which serves a number of Greenbelt students. This newspaper is dedicated to providing information throughout the year on local schools, teachers, students and activities to ensure that the community is involved in local education.

School Budget Threats Is Nov. 18 Panel Topic

Next Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Bowie High School the Maryland Education Coalition is holding a panel discussion of Maryland’s looming budget gap and implications for Maryland’s K to 12 public schools. The public is invited.

Speakers will include Dr. William Hite, superintendent of the Prince George’s County Public School System; John Woolums, director of Governmental Relations for the Maryland Association of Boards of Education; and Neil Bergsman, director of the Maryland Budget and Tax Policy Institute. The Maryland State Education Association and the Baltimore Education Coalition will also send speakers.

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# 17 ERHS Students Inducted into Tri-M Music Honor Society



ERHS Tri-M Chapter members, front row: left to right, Matt Brown, Ben Henkin, Jacquelyn Picciani, Frederick Moss, Hector Allen, Tim Hensel, Lee Friedman and Tad Howley. Second row: Meilin Lim, Sarah Seo, Kate Coppess, Hannah Russell, Olubukola Abiona, Helen Lan, Ashley Thomas, Christen McWithey and Brandon Ramchan. Third row: Jean Heneks, Mayowa Omokanwaye, Rosanna Spalding, Abigail Reichard, Louise Ahmann, Kanwulia Gwam, Natalie Steenrod, Philip Laxamana, Gary Clark and Ijeoma Madubata. Back row: Ms. Sally Wagner, Sam York, Beth Leidich, Jessica Kerns, Gladys Ruiz-Malca, Jie Guo, Rick Graver, Shulamit Shroder, Sam Reynells, Abigail Miller, Mr. Paul Dembowski, John Ficklin, Nick Ober, Anuraag Sharma, Ms. Michele Fowlin and Dr. David Yarbrough.

– photo by Jim Coppess

On October 21, 17 students were inducted into the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The inductees raise the total number of Tri-M members at ERHS to 44.

This year’s inductees are Matt Brown, Ben Henkin, Jacquelyn Picciani, Frederick Moss, Hector Allen, Tim Hensel, Lee Friedman, Tad Howley, Meilin Lim, Sarah Seo, Kate Coppess, Hannah Russell, Olubukola Abiona, Helen Lan, Ashley Thomas, Christen McWithey and Brandon Ramchan.

Tri-M (“Modern Music Masters”) is an international music honor society for secondary school students founded in 1936. The society recognizes students for academic and musical achievements and for their service activities. The ERHS chapter was started in the spring of 2005.



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“Hope Ghana” chronicled the efforts of a small group of Seattle residents who raised \$30,000 to give to small villages in Ghana for water and education projects.

A Review

## Provocative Films Continue To Stir Viewer’s Imagination

by Sandra Lange

Over the past six years, the Utopia Film Festival has served up a potpourri of shorts, documentaries and feature films that have stirred the imagination. Often they are provocative new subjects which are remembered for years. A documentary portrait of the sculptor Louise Nevelson, a quirky film on growing oversized pumpkins, a film about a brave Afghani woman risking her life to run for president of Afghanistan and a sad enactment of the slave market in Annapolis are memories from past festivals that have been etched into this writer’s consciousness.

Each year we approach the Utopia Film Festival with anticipation of seeing and enjoying the endeavors of very creative filmmakers. What disappoints most is the sparse attendance. Organizers need to address this issue in order to justify the many hours of labor both they and the filmmakers put into the festival. (What was not expected this year was the major event on the National Mall.)

At a showing of “Hope Ghana” at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, only six of us were in the audience. The film portrayed a small group of do-gooders in Seattle who raised \$30,000 to give to some small villages in Ghana for water and education projects. It is sponsored, in part, by the Jimmy Carter Center in Atlanta, which seeks to reduce the spread of disease through contaminated water by paying for the installation of water pumps. With clean water, children are able to go to school instead of succumbing to illness or having to work to help feed their families.

In one graphic scene a three-



Unraveling Michelle,” which documented the transgender change of the filmmaker, won the festival’s Originality Award.

foot guinea worm slowly emerges from the foot of a four-year-old child. Another scene shows a cow peeing in the drinking water the villagers collect. Although the documentary itself is ho-hum, the fact that people in third-world countries are still dying from lack of clean water and sanitation is a message that needs to be heard. That white Americans who are not Bill and Melinda Gates choose to raise money and travel to Africa at their own expense to help people is also a worthy reminder of our basic humanity.

### Originality Award

The festival bestowed its Originality Award on “Unraveling Michelle,” in which the main character goes from being a guy named Joe to a woman named Michelle. What makes this film unique is that it is about the filmmaker herself, who takes the camera into the hospital where her face is operated on to make her more feminine. We watch in awe as she emerges from the hospital swathed in bandages, with swollen lips and blackened eyes.

One of the true assets of the film festival is that many of the participants – producers, directors or subjects – are present to talk with the audience after the screening. This dialogue greatly enriches the enjoyment of the film. Michelle attended the Saturday night performance and left us with a greater understanding of the fact that a transgendered person is not a freak but is in fact a person who would suffer a great deal to be true to her sexuality.

The Greenbelt Museum introduced its new 11-minute orientation film, “Greenbelt: A Model Community,” to a large audience that also stayed to see “The City,” a classic documentary made for the 1939 World’s Fair that depicted modern suburban life, some of it filmed in Greenbelt.

Other interesting shorts were “Homegrown Revolution” about growing vegetables in the midst of urban Pasadena, Calif., and “Corner Plot” about an 89-year-old man growing vegetables on an acre of land in Silver Spring, just blocks from the Metro Station. Both films show men who are passionate about living off the land, no matter their surroundings, and who remain true to their inner selves.

### Utopia Film Fest

Utopia – via the Utopia Film Festival – came to Greenbelt again October 28-31 in its sixth year. Primed to promote a better world “in keeping with the utopian values of Greenbelt,” the all-volunteer project of nonprofit Greenbelt Access Television screened more than 40 documentaries, features, shorts and animations from around the corner and as far away as China.

Two News Review writers caught many a scene at the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the Municipal Building.

### Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, November 11 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone session is from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday.

New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey taps out lively jazz and blues notes on Friday, November 12, as he does every Friday and Saturday. The Lonesome Pine Band plays bluegrass from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, November 13 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. there will be a special performance with a cover charge.

Sunday, November 14 Jack Couldn’t Make It will play old-time folk music from 5 to 8 p.m. The back room is reserved that day from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m. for a special Lebanese country buffet meal (there is a fee; see Nov. 4 ad on page 8).

### Next Week

Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m. the free monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal film “Rivers & Tides” will be shown (there is a separate article on page 3), followed by a discussion led by Paul Downs. Tuesday, November 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. music therapist, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Molly Griest will perform original songs. On Wednesday, November 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. Curt Lucas offers an evening of Gospel music influenced by folk and rock music. On Friday, November 19 from 8 to 11 p.m., Lizzy Pitch will play Indie pop. Jazz legend Buck Hill returns with the Not2Cool Jazz Trio from 8 to 11 p.m., on Saturday, November 20. Sunday, November 21 the Sign Language Brunch Discussion Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by the Not2Cool Jazz Trio which plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a Kids’ Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Black Muddy River Band finishes off Sunday, playing Grateful Dead music from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).



“The Glass House,” which was filmed in Tehran about the Omid e Mehr Center, a private school for working-class high school-age girls, won Honorable Mention.

A Review

## Sparse Audiences Moved By Intense Well-made Films

by Eli Flam

The opening Utopia film this year, “Crossing Borders,” faced off four American college-age students for a week with Moroccan counterparts – two men and two women each – in that North African country. An opening session in a Tangier cultural center went from tentative to lively as the hosts called for speaking with emotion, to disagree, to experience people before judging them. Rochd (sic) threw a friendly arm around David even as another Moroccan made the point that his country did not have power to impose on the U.S., “the wolf in the forest” that looks to advance its interests in the Third World.

The dialogue took on the group’s different faiths as they walked in redolent streets, drove in a van to Rabat, hunkered down to eat with an extended local family, moved on to Casablanca – where suicide bombers had struck in 2003. In a shanty town, Sidi Moumen, cattle roamed garbage-strewn fields and a convivial soccer match was arranged. A hike in the Atlas Mountains and a last meeting brought the film to an end.

“Very moving,” said one viewer of the 20 or so in the Municipal Building. She was echoed by others, who found the documentary insightful and very well made.

They spoke over the phone with filmmaker Arndt Wachter. He grew up in East Berlin, he said, studied comparative religion in London and has developed an active international exchange program. His main mission: to help people learn about “the other.”

### Civil Wars

Come Saturday at Old Greenbelt Theatre, “the other” in “I Have Something to Tell You” were 10 high school girls in Liberia, where more than 350,000 people died in two recent civil wars. They talked of hard-pressed hopes and dreams in the face of much suffering and pain. More than half the children to age 15 there have lost one or both parents; one of three teenage girls is a mother. Education is a lifeline.

The filmic scene shifted in “The Glass House” to Tehran and the Omid e Mehr Center, opened in 2004 as a private school with active counseling for working-class high school-age girls. Rape, violence, drugs, dysfunctional families, the risk of recording rap music – issues abounded as the staff, led by

an energetic expatriate, Marjani Haliti, sought answers and help in school and outside.

Next stop, on Sunday: Israel, for “Keeping the Kibbutz.” Black and white footage showed the earlier days for these largely self-sufficient, cooperative communities that won widespread world attention. But by 2003 economic and other pressures led to privatization and salaries.

A succession of kibbutzniks decried the changes. Said one, “I hate the word, money.” Said Frankie, watering the plants in the cemetery: “In the spirit world there’s no politics, no money, not even religion.”

Then, in “Seeking the 36,” young Nico Lanson, troubled by the world’s inequities, quizzes a wide range of people, from park denizens – notably an antic accordionist – to rabbis and a convert to Buddhism, to find human beings with a higher consciousness. Why? Because of the Jewish-rooted belief that God allows the world to continue only if there be at least that many righteous souls. Mysticism made real. The audience – again minimal – responded to the view that we all should be doing what good works we can.

So it is with the Utopia Film Festival. As Sandra Lange notes in her companion piece, the festival has presented a lot of absorbing independent movies but to relatively few people. It behooves us to turn out and see a goodly range of these offerings. Next October, let us do so in multiples of 36 viewers – and not just for re-runs of “The Rocky Horror Show.”

P.S. “Crossing Borders” won the festival’s Utopia Visions award and “The Glass House” an honorable mention.



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